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SUBJ: WFC - DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WOMEN AND FOOD

REF.: STATE 249378

AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
WOMEN AND FOOD PREPARED BY UK AND CO-SPONSORED BY U.S.,  
BANGLADESH AND EGYPT. OTHER RESOLUTIONS FOLLOW SEPTELS.  
BEGIN QUOTE WOMEN AND FOOD. THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, /CONSI-  
DERING/ THAT THE MAJOR PART OF THE REQUIRED INCREASE IN  
FOOD PRODUCTION MUST OCCUR IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IF  
THE PRESENT TRAGEDY OF STARVATION AND MALNUTRITION FOR UNCOUNTED  
MILLIONS IS NOT TO CONTINUE, /RECOGNIZING/ THAT RURAL WOMEN IN  
THE DEVELOPING WORLD ACCOUNT FOR AT LEAST FIFTY PER CENT OF FOOD  
PRODUCTION, /KNOWING/ THAT WOMEN EVERYWHERE GENERALLY PLAY THE  
MAJOR ROLE IN PROCUREMENT AND PREPARATION OF FOOD CONSUMED BY  
THEIR FAMILIES, /RECOGNIZING/ THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE MOTHER IN  
THE HEALTH DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE GENERATION THROUGH PROPER  
LACTATION AND THAT THE MOTHER'S MILK SHOULD BE OF HIGH NUTRITIVE  
CONTENT, FURTHERMORE THAT MOTHERS IN MOST CULTURES ARE THE BEST  
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SOURCE OF FOOD FOR THEIR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN, /REAFFIRMING/

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON  
LACTATION IN MAY THIS YEAR,

1. /CALLS/ ON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO INVOLVE WOMEN FULLY IN THE  
DECISION MAKING MACHINERY OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND NUTRITION  
POLICIES AS PART OF TOTAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY;

2. /CALLS/ ON GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE TO WOMEN IN LAW AND FACT  
THE RIGHT TO FULL ACCESS TO ALL MEDICAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
PARTICULARLY SPECIAL NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR MOTHERS AND MEANS TO  
SPACE THEIR CHILDREN TO ALLOW MAXIMUM LACTATION, AS WELL AS  
EDUCATION AND INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO THE NURTURE AND GROWTH  
OF MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN;

3. /CALLS/ ALSO ON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO INCLUDE IN THEIR  
GOVERNMENT PLAN PROVISION FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR WOMEN  
ON EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN IN FOOD PRODUCTION AND AGRICULTURAL  
TECHNOLOGY, MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION TECHNIQUES, AS WELL AS  
CONSUMER, CREDIT AND NUTRITION INFORMATION;

4. /CALLS/ ON ALL GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE EQUAL RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN ORDER THAT THE ENERGY,  
TALENT AND ABILITY OF WOMEN CAN BE FULLY UTILIZED IN PARTNERSHIP  
WITH MEN IN THE BATTLE AGAINST WORLD HUNGER, END QUOTE END.  
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